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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Deshawn Marquis Pickett

DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 100 MONTHS IN BANK ROBBERY CASE

Deshawn Marquis Pickett, 34, of Detroit was sentenced to 100 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Bernard A. Friedman, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today. FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts joined in the announcement.

Pickett was convicted following a three-day jury trial on July 27, 2006, of committing three bank robberies, two occurring at the Charter One Bank, located at 19601 Vernier, Harper Woods, Michigan, and a third occurring at the Charter One Bank located at 8890 W. Eight Mile Rd., Royal Oak Township, Michigan. Pickett was identified as the robber by the three victim-tellers, who had identified him through photo and live line-ups. Bank video surveillance images were also available for identification purposes. On each occasion a demand note, threatening physical harm if the money was not surrendered was presented to the tellers. Pickett attempted to disguise himself in each robbery with wigs and hats. The amount of loss suffered by Charter One Bank exceeded \$10,000.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Bank robberies are federal crimes that

carry extremely high risks of harm to life or limb due to the presence of employees, customers, and bank security personnel. This significant sentence should give pause to any criminals contemplating a bank heist: the penalty will be severe.”

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Gillooly.